

Notes on Council Confirmation or Reconfirmation of a Department Head

Background:

- For heads of most departments as well as heads of offices in “Executive Department” (all referred to here as “departments”), Charter and/or Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) require appointment by Mayor and confirmation by Council.
- Under the Charter and SMC, some department heads are subject to periodic *re*appointment by Mayor and *re*confirmation by Council.

A: Department heads subject to initial appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the Council, and reappointment by the Mayor and reconfirmation by the Council every four years:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Clerk File</u>	<u>Date for Reappointment</u>
City Budget Office (in Exec. Dep’t)	Beth Goldberg	C.F. 310958	September 7, 2014
Finance and Administrative Services	Fred Podesta	C.F. 310959	September 7, 2014
Human Services	Dannette Smith	C.F. 310988	September 13, 2014
Information Technology	Erin Devoto	C.F. 312730	(pending)
Neighborhoods	Bernie Matsuno	C.F. 311602	December 31, 2013 *
Parks and Recreation	Christopher Williams (acting)		
Personnel	David Stewart	C.F. 311672	August 8, 2015
Planning and Development	Diane Sugimura	C.F. 311467	June 6, 2015
Seattle Center	Robert Nellams	C.F. 311299	May 9, 2015
Seattle City Light	Jorge Carrasco	C.F. 312413	July 23, 2016
Seattle Department of Transportation	Peter Hahn	C.F. 310432	April 19, 2014
Seattle Public Utilities	Ray Hoffman	C.F. 310552	May 17, 2014

* Per SMC, the term of the DON Director “shall be coterminous with that of the Mayor.”

B. Department heads subject to initial appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the Council, but not subject to periodic reappointment or reconfirmation:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>C.F.</u>
Fire	Gregory Dean	C.F. 306616
Police	John Diaz	C.F. 310947
Offices in Executive Department:		
Arts and Cultural Affairs	Randy Engstrom (acting)	
Civil Rights	Julie Nelson	C.F. 309120
Economic Development	Steve Johnson	C.F. 310967
Housing	Rick Hooper	C.F. 311466
Intergovernmental Relations	Marco Lowe	C.F. 310433
Sustainability and the Environment	Jill Simmons	C.F. 310968
Immigrant and Refugee Affairs	Magdaleno Rose-Avila	C.F. 312380

C. Department heads *appointed by the Council, and subject to periodic reappointment:*

<u>Department</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>C.F.</u>	<u>Date for Reappointment</u>
Hearing Examiner	Sue Tanner	C.F. 312487	July 21, 2016
City Auditor	David Jones	C.F. 310258	December 14, 2013

D. Department head whose *initial* appointment (by the Ethics and Elections Commission), but *not* subsequent reappointments, is subject to Council confirmation:

Ethics and Elections	Wayne Barnett	C.F. 306747
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E. Department head appointed by Municipal Court judges and subject to Council confirmation:

Municipal Court Administrator	Yolande Williams	C.F. 303441
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F. Department head *jointly* appointed by County Executive and Mayor, subject to confirmation by City Council and County Council:

Public Health – Seattle & King County	David Fleming	C.F. 308464
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G. Other department head (*Council has no role* in selecting):

Seattle Public Library	Marcellus Turner, selected by Library Board (per state law)
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H. Departments headed by *elected officials*:

City Council / Legislative Department
City Attorney's Office / Law Department
Office of the Mayor (part of Executive Department)